



# Rochester Area Community Update

*The latest information for members of our local communities*

December 2023

## Mayo Clinic makes transformative \$22 million investment in local communities



At Mayo Clinic, we care for our patients, our communities, and each other. Mayo's Bold. Forward. vision is to Cure, Connect and Transform healthcare to benefit all. As our strategy successfully unfolds this year, we are able to invest a further \$22 million in organizations across Mayo Clinic sites addressing pressing needs related to housing, food insecurity, access to healthcare, and safe places for learning and youth

enrichment. In Rochester, Mayo Clinic announced \$14.25 million to promote excellence in public schools and address housing challenges in the community. Rochester Public Schools will receive \$10 million to bolster the public school system, helping children receive an education that prepares them for future success.

The Coalition for Rochester Area Housing, an innovative public-private partnership that Mayo helped establish, will receive \$4 million to address affordable housing needs in Olmsted County.

Mayo is also investing in organizations that serve vulnerable populations, including people experiencing homelessness. Mayo will match donations to the Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign in Rochester up to \$100,000 on Dec. 22 and 23 and will contribute to The Landing MN, a day shelter serving people without homes in Rochester.

Mayo Clinic also provided funding to organizations in Jacksonville, Phoenix, and various Mayo Clinic Health System locations. [Read more](#) on the Community Relations News Blog.

## Mayo Clinic Unveils Bold. Forward. Unbound. in Rochester projects for downtown



[Mayo Clinic's Board of Trustees](#) has approved Bold. Forward. Unbound. in Rochester, a multiyear strategic initiative that advances Mayo Clinic's Bold. Forward. strategy to Cure, Connect and Transform healthcare for the benefit of patients everywhere. It reimagines Mayo Clinic's downtown Rochester campus and introduces new facilities with a combination of innovative care concepts and digital technologies that will give [Mayo Clinic](#) the ability to scale

transformation in ways never before imagined. This Rochester initiative is part of Mayo Clinic's Bold. Forward. Unbound. physical plan to achieve seamless integration of physical spaces and digital capabilities to address patients' unmet and evolving needs across all sites.

"Mayo Clinic has a 160-year history of leading the world in healthcare innovation. As part of our Bold. Forward. strategy, we have a once-in-three generations opportunity to redefine the future of healthcare," says [Gianrico Farrugia, M.D.](#), president and CEO. "Bold. Forward. Unbound. in Rochester will enable transformation by blurring the lines across hospital, clinic and digital care to help our teams anticipate our patients' needs, accelerate more cures and greater connections to our patients."

Unique architectural elements and spaces in the new facilities will support hope and healing through nature, sunlight, and horizontally and vertically connected neighborhoods. Ultimately, the vision is about bringing Mayo Clinic teams and patients together in new ways that are designed to advance teamwork, transform the patient experience, create more cures and improve outcomes.

Learn more about Bold. Forward. Unbound. in Rochester on the [Mayo Clinic News Network](#).

## Mayo Clinic gives more than \$500,000 in community grants in last quarter of 2023



Mayo Clinic in Rochester supported a wide variety of community-building initiatives with more than \$500,000 in donations during the fourth quarter of 2023 through the Community Contributions Program. The contributions to area nonprofits will help address mental health, health disparities, healthcare access, education, youth enrichment, human services, diversity and inclusion, and community vibrancy in Olmsted County. Through its community

investments, Mayo Clinic strives to address identified community health needs; close health

disparity gaps; advance equity, diversity, and inclusion; and increase social and economic vibrancy.

Mayo Clinic reviews and awards community grants on a quarterly basis. The next deadline for grant requests of more than \$5,000 is February 28. Grant requests of \$5,000 or less are reviewed on a continuous basis. [Learn more](#) about Mayo Clinic's Community Contributions Program and read about organizations that received grants from the last funding cycle.

## **Wanted: Your volunteer needs where Mayo Clinic staff can help**



This time of year can be extra busy for so many nonprofits in our community. We invite you to share your volunteer needs on Mayo Clinic's volunteer platform, [Mayo Clinic Cares](#).

Mayo Clinic Cares supports Mayo Clinic's mission and values by connecting staff with nonprofit organizations in the community that have volunteer needs. The program promotes staff involvement with community outreach while supporting efforts to advance diversity, equity

and inclusion.

Visit [Mayo Clinic Community Relations](#) to learn how to set up an account and enter events.

## **Mayo Clinic Community Relations Presenting Sponsor of STEAM Summit**



The 2023 STEAM Summit (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) hosted by the Rochester Area Chamber of Commerce, encouraged more than 3,200 middle and high school students from over 48 schools to pursue science, technology, engineering, art and math careers. The goal was to connect the students to business and higher educational institutions.

Over 40 Mayo Clinic departments and divisions — including those in patient care,

trade work, technology and human services — were among the 110 potential employers with highly interactive, hands-on informational booths.

According to the Rochester Area Chamber of Commerce, “The future success of the Southeast Minnesota economy depends on a well-prepared pipeline of students with the education and skills needed to keep the region's businesses and industries competitive.”

This summit made progress toward that goal by bringing together representatives of higher education, local government and the community to motivate and prepare students for an increasingly competitive global marketplace.

## 8 Mayo hospitals earn highest grades for patient safety from Leapfrog Group



Hospitals across Mayo Clinic scored high marks for patient safety, earning A grades from The Leapfrog Group, an independent national nonprofit organization that provides safety ratings.

The ratings are intended to help patients choose their preferred healthcare destinations.

The Leapfrog Group's Hospital Safety Score is updated and published twice a

year. The score is based on 15 measures of publicly available hospital safety data combined with 12 self-reported survey answers, which together produce a single safety score. A panel of patient safety experts developed the measures for the score.

Visit [Community Relations – Our News](#) to read more.

### December Plummer building lighting schedule

December 3 - 4	International Day of Persons with Disabilities	Blue and Green
December 7	Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day	Red, white, blue
December 22 - 23	Salvation Army	Red

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